

Appl. No. 10/692,094
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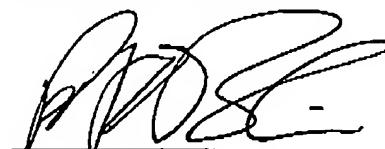
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:**REMARKS:**

In the office action, the examiner rejected claim 1 as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over US Patent 4,798,371 by Wallisser in view of US Patent 3,924,780 by Clement. The examiner noted that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The examiner allowed claims 5-8.

By this amendment, claims 1 and 4 have been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended as an independent claim and claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 2. Claims 5-7 have not been amended and are therefore in their original form. Claim 8 is amended to correct an informality.

Applicant respectfully submits that the specification, claims and drawings are now in proper form, and that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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